
QUOTABLE FACTS OF UTAH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

FY2014

- The total number of visits to public libraries¹ in Utah outnumbers the passenger traffic *out* of Salt Lake City International Airport. ²
- More Utahns (1,776,961) are registered to use the public library³ than are registered to vote⁴ (1,396,276).
- Participants in library programs in 2013⁵ would fill the Maverik Center⁶ over 104 times or the Vivint Arena⁷ almost 63 times.
- Almost twice as many people visited Utah public libraries⁸ than all Utah's national parks, monuments, recreation areas, and historical sites – combined.⁹
- There are almost twice as many public libraries¹⁰ in Utah than McDonalds.¹¹
- The average household in Salt Lake County¹² pays \$158.76 per year for library service.¹³ For that amount you could...
 - \$ Buy about 6 hardcover fiction books¹⁴
 - \$ Buy 3 or 4 Utah Jazz basketball tickets
 - \$ Buy 2 or 3 PS3 New Release Games
 - \$ A couple of all-day ski lift tickets

¹ FY2014 Library Visits: 16,901,411 – Source: FY2014 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

² Total Passengers Enplaned: 10,571,935 – Source: Salt Lake City International Airport, Summary Statistics for 2014
<http://www.slcairport.com/cmsdocuments/airstatsSummary2014.pdf>

³ FY2014 Registered Borrowers: 1,776,961 – Source: FY2014 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

⁴ Total Utah Registered Voters: 1,396,273 – Source: State of Utah Elections Office, Voter Statistics (Updated 07/27/15) <http://elections.utah.gov/party-and-status>

⁵ FY2014 Total Program Attendance: 1,252,300 – Source: FY2014 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

⁶ Maverik Center seating capacity for basketball: 12,000 – Source:
http://www.maverikcenter.com/about_maverik_center.aspx

⁷ Energy Solutions Arena seating capacity for basketball: 20,000 – Source: <http://www.energysolutionsarena.com>

⁸ FY2014 Library Visits: 16,901,411 – Source: FY2014 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

⁹ 10,551,040 recreation visitors to all Utah's national parks, monuments, recreation areas and historical sites.
Source: <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/National>

¹⁰ FY2014 Number of Libraries: 118 – Source: <http://heritage.utah.gov/library/directory>

¹¹ Number of McDonalds: 61 – Source: <http://www.hoursguide.com/mcdonalds/utah>

¹² Single Family Home Median Price in Salt Lake County = \$232,450 – Source:
<http://www.bestsaltlakehomes.com/historic-prices/slc-annual-2013.html>

¹³ 2014 Proposed Tax Rate for Salt Lake County = 0.000715 – Source: 2014 Proposed Tax Rate for Libraries
<http://heritage.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/USL-2014-Library-Tax-Rates.pdf>

¹⁴ (2013 Adult Fiction hardcover = \$26.63) Source: <http://www.slj.com/2013/06/research/sljs-average-book-prices-2013>